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For: DIGITAL VTR FOR RECORDING AND REPLAYING DATA
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Sir:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Five Times Amended) A digital VTR for magnetically recording and replaying digitally transmitted bit stream in a predetermined recording format, comprising:

208 division number setting means, responsive to a bit stream input including a predetermined number M of transport packets as a unit, wherein M is an integer, wherein N sync blocks are related to the transport packets such that N is not equal to M, and wherein N is an integer;

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